(c) and (d) CMDs of public sector banks are exepcted to personally supervise NPAs above Rs. 5 crores on a case to case basis and decide the course of action in terms of rehabilitation/restructuring, one time settlement or filing of suits, by 31st August, 2000 in terms of the policy guidelines evolved by the Board of Directors.

Welfare schemes for LIC agents

3188. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any existing welfare scheme for the agents of LIC of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative whether Government propose to start any such scheme for the welfare of agents of LIC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) LIC have reported that in addition to the commission they receive, the agents are entitled to gratuity, advances for purchase of vehicle, personal computers, office equipments, medical treatments, etc. Benefits are also allowed such as reimbursement of office allowance, telephone expenses, group insurance benefit, group medical benefit etc. to club member agents.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Financial condition of States

3189. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial condition of States has deteriorated recently;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) how the financial position of Punjab, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat compared with that of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh during 1980—90 *vis-a-vis* 1991—99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Financial condition of State Governments has deteriorated, mainly in view of rising non-plan revenue expenditure, heavy debt burden, rising staff salaries expenses, inadequate tax revenue receipts, user charges and other non-tax receipts, unsustainable subsidies and continuing loss of many of the States PSUs. The following Gross Fiscal Deficit and Revenue Deficit reflect the trend in this regard:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Gross Fiscal Deficit	Revenue Deficit
1997-98	44200	16333
1998-99(RE)	75256	40491
1999-2000(BE)	77893	40724

(c) The financial position of different States are not comparable in view of vast variance in their per capita income and growth rates. Detailed evaluation of the fiscal position of States is done by the successive Finance Commissions.

Involvement of officials of SBI in corrupt practices

3190. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officials of the SBI top the list of Central Government Ministries/Departments prepared by the Central Vigilance Commission for their alleged involvement in various corrupt practices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have so far taken against such officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Central Vigilance